

**STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Summary -- September 17, 2002**

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SWAC Chair, Jeff Kelley-Clarke called the meeting to order at 9:35. All attendees introduced themselves. The Members approved the July 17 SWAC Meeting Summary.

**Old Business**

- 9:38** Minimum Functional Standards: **Michael Hibbler** described general comments
- Beneficial Use and Categorical [permit requirement] Exemptions—  
Fear that exemptions could create/promote an uneven playing field
  - Financial Assurance [of ability to pay landfill closure and monitoring costs]—  
Should require FA from other facilities that handle dangerous waste
  - Possible Conflicts with the Governor's Competitiveness Council—  
The MFS rule requires an outcome—not a methodology
  - Define / Distinguish Terms [to protect human health and the environment]—  
Materials recovery facility, land reclamation, composting; soil amendment, agricultural use
  - Set Design Criteria [that protect human health and the environment]—  
(stability; test parameters, off-spec. materials; depth to groundwater...)  
Storage & Treatment piles, Surface Impoundments & Tanks, Moderate Risk Waste; Limited Purpose landfills, Inert Waste landfills...

*Will case-by-case review be more onerous/expensive?*

*We should track changes in disposal/recycling rates.*

*We don't want categorically exempt facilities to become transfer stations.*

*Shouldn't the focus be on the facility's function—rather than on materials? SWAC priorities focus on MRFs; Jeff will draft a MFS comment letter to Ecology.*

*Ecology staff will be trained and will hold workshops with Health Department and with facilities operations staff to assure that everyone understands the MFS rule.*

- 10:45** Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan – Beyond Waste: **Cheryl Smith**
- Our current system tracks only five percent of solid and hazardous wastes collected. We need to track various indicators, influence all sectors of production and materials flow, and update data [collection and measurement results].*
- What are our next steps? Who will gather the information—and how?*
- Keep the big picture in mind, so that individual steps toward [realizing] the vision are being [measured and] tracked consistently [year-to-year and from one jurisdiction to another].*
- Take representative samples from industries, and examine “non-traditional” sources; sample regularly and consistently. The Plan needs buy-in from source processors. How can we partner with them? How can we guaranty confidentiality of their proprietary information? How can we engage [the state departments of] CTED, Agriculture, Health...in this work? How can we measure the overall benefit to our state of recycling and remanufacturing materials?*
- Show the benefits to the two-year budget, the six-year budget, etc.*

- 11:15** SWAC Rules of Procedure: **Jeff Kelley-Clarke** and **Bob Schille**
- Members voted to adopt the revisions suggested during the September Meeting.*

**New Business**

- 11:18** Waste Screening Procedures: **Jeff Kelley-Clarke**

*Jeff showed a series of digital photos of a cargo container that exploded, as an object lesson about the importance of screening all wastes brought for disposal.*

**11:32 Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Budget: Cullen Stephenson**

With the exception of Water Quality Enforcement, all of our Program's functions are financed by dedicated funds. Cullen distributed a table showing Program and Agency priorities. He and **David Giglio** fielded questions about funding for litter abatement, the PBT/Mercury Chemical Action Plan, Grants, and performance measures. Cullen explained changes in methods we'll use to track performance. Next steps are to submit Ecology's proposed budget to the Office of Financial Management, then to the Governor; the Governor proposes it to our legislature.

**11:55 Coordinated Prevention Grants Program: David Giglio**

Changes for the 2003-2004 grant cycle will focus on strengthening connections between funding and performance. In keeping with recommendations made by the Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee finding, CPG will become more outcome focused, rather than allocation focused. David invited SWAC to observe the workgroup (meeting 09/30 – 10/01) and to follow progress on the website. He sees the 25% match requirement as indicating an applicant's commitment.

*Won't richer local governments have the where-with-all to compete for grant dollars and to complete grant projects?*

David says the changes [in the CPG focus] will promote collaborative effort and achievement. He thinks the workgroup will help [all of] us adopt more effective grants and resource management practices.

**12:10 Electronic Components Waste Handling: Jeff Kelley-Clarke**

*Jeff distributed fliers and a press release. Craig Lorch spoke about the need to manage computers, monitors, televisions...Jeff described a proposed front-end fee-based recycling system being tried in Snohomish County. Recyclers hope that the legislature will impose such a diversion/disposal fee to pay for keeping electronic waste out of the landfill. Thurston County has no such program. WMI wants to establish an electronics dismantling facility—if they can obtain permission to do so. Local governments want a front-end fee added to the purchase price of electronic equipment, as NEPSI has proposed—otherwise we'll see a lot of illegal dumping when monitors are banned from municipal landfills.*

**SWAC/Ecology Announcements/Public Comments**

**12:35 Mark Buscher wants to return for a discussion about coordinating recycling.**

**WUTC** offers a Recycling implementation / Revenue Sharing meeting October 3 and a "brown bag" meeting in Ephrata, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**David Nightingale** reported survey results and asked for ideas about making used tires into a marketable product.

Cullen's passenger car mileage improved by up to ten miles per gallon when he substituted biodiesel for regular diesel.

**12:48 Adjourned**

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*Attending Members/Alternates*

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| Mark Buscher       | Tim Croll   | Bill Dean   | Dennis Durbin | Rob Guttridge    | Pete Keller |
| Jeff Kelley-Clarke | Brad Lovaas | Craig Lorch | Bob Schille   | Deborah Reynolds |             |

*Attending Non-Members*

Andy Comstock Linda Dennis Ron Draggoo Rick Johnston Cly Lewis Jim Sells Gerry Smedes

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